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**Florence Copper Project - Mineral Lease 11-026500  
Incompatible Land-Use**

Dear Ms. Baier,

I have been a resident of Florence, AZ for 3.5 years. I live in the Pulte Corporation district of Merrill Ranch. It has come to my attention that there is an application for in-situ method copper extraction proposed by a company from Canada called Curis Resources Ltd. Curis has requested that the land status be amended from its current residential status to accommodate Curis' desire to mine copper using a chemical based methodology.

Following review of the Curis proposal I have learned that the land in question is located in close proximity to residential land where thousands of houses have been built and people are actively carrying on their daily routines. I have also learned that the actual wells will be drilled dangerously close to the water source that provides the Merrill Ranch residents with their drinking water.

I am strongly opposed to this proposed incompatible land use for this area of Florence, Arizona!!

While I am absolutely opposed to this development by Curis, I am also very concerned that the Town of Florence would even consider this type of proposal from such an inexperienced Canadian company. Curis Resources is a new company recently listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange in Canada. The executive of Curis has not operated any similar copper mining businesses in the past, let alone an in-situ operation. Injecting chemicals into the land to extract any commodity is a very risky venture in a residential area.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I hope that the Arizona State Land Department will deny this application made by Curis Resources.

Sincerely,

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